

Ministers and Churches.

MR. WALTER KERR sailed for Ireland last week on a visit to his friends.

MR. THOMAS KERR, Inspector of the Standard Life, has left for the Pacific Coast.

THE Rev. George A. Yeomans, M.A., has been called to Dundalk and Ventry.

THE Rev. Mr. Herdman has been elected Moderator of the Presbytery of Calgary.

THE Rev. Mr. Herridge will return to Ottawa on the 12th inst., from his trip to British Columbia.

THE Rev. Mr. Goldsmith, of Toronto, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Milton, Sunday morning and evening week to large congregations.

THE Rev. Dr. Laing preached to the children at Knox Church, Dundas, Sunday morning, and to the youth of the congregation in the evening. Both services were well attended.

THE Rev. Jos. Hogg, of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, is spending his holidays in Duluth. Rev. J. F. Langill, assistant pastor, will have charge of the church in his absence.

THE Home Mission Sub-Committee and Sub-Committee on Augmentation, will meet in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on Tuesday the 8th October, at nine a.m.

THE Rev. Wm. Hamilton, says the *Moncton Transcript*, was presented with an address and a well-titled purse the other night by the Presbyterian congregation of Kingston and Richibucto.

THE Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Thorburn, lectured on the principles of the Christian Endeavour Society, and afterwards organized a branch society at East French River, Picton County, on the 27th ult.

THE *Barrie Gazette* says: Communion service was conducted at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning week by the Rev. D. D. McLeod. The attendance was very large and the sermon appropriate.

THE Rev. Dr. Bryce, of Manitoba College, Winnipeg, was, during his attendance at the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, elected a fellow of the Association for Canada.

THE *Georgetown Herald* says: The Rev. Joseph Alexander, of Norval, who has been spending the summer at his native town, sailed for home via Steamship *City of Nebraska* on Saturday, the 7th inst.

THE communion services held recently in the Presbyterian Church, Blackville, N. B., were largely attended, and the number of persons communing for the first time larger than for several years past. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Bathurst.

THE re-opening of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Bradford, is expected to take place on or about the 3rd of November. Principal Grant, of Kingston, and Moderator of the General Assembly, is to be invited to preach on this auspicious occasion.

THE *Manitoba Free Press* says: The Rev. Peter Wright is becoming very much esteemed among the members of his congregation for his deep Christian kindness, as well as for his earnestness and ability as a pastor. Portage Presbyterians have indeed been favoured in obtaining Mr. Wright.

THE *Hamilton Spectator* says: The Rev. J. A. McDonald, Toronto, who in the absence of the pastor of St. Paul's, conducted divine service in that church recently, is the able editor of *Knox College Monthly*, and reputed to be one of the most eloquent of the rising preachers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

ON Sabbath week communion was administered in St. Andrew's and Chalmers Churches, Guelph. In the evening at Chalmers, Rev. J. B. Mullan, of St. Andrew's Church, Iergus, preached very instructively and entertainingly to the children, from Malachi iii. 17. Rev. Dr. Wardrope spoke to the children of Mr. Mullan's Church in Fergus.

THE Rev. George R. Maxwell of Three Rivers, P.Q., has returned from Vancouver, B.C., where he had been for the last three months. Mr. Maxwell supplied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church in that city during the absence of the Rev. T. G. Thomson, the pastor. The local papers referred in complimentary terms to Mr. Maxwell's services.

THE Rev. J. Sieveright, B.A., of Huntsville, paid a visit to Orillia lately, having accompanied the remains of the late Mr. Fox, along with ten other residents of the former place. As chaplain of the Oddfellows, Mr. Sieveright read the appropriate funeral service of that society at the grave. The body of Mr. Fox was conveyed from Huntsville under charge of the Oddfellows and Sons of England.

THE Rev. Dr. Parsons occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, Sabbath week. He preached two excellent sermons, full of Gospel truth and delivered with much earnestness. He also addressed the Sabbath school in the afternoon and conducted a Bible reading on Monday evening. The Doctor, say the *Bulletin*, may expect a hearty welcome if at any future time he returns to Collingwood.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Presbytery of Quebec was held in Chalmers' Church, Quebec City, on the 5th inst., for the induction to that church of the Rev. D. Tait, B.D., late of Berlin, Ont. Rev. Dr. Clark preached and presided. The minister and congregation were addressed by Rev. Messrs. J. R. McLeod and A. T. Love respectively. At the close of the service Mr. Tait was handed a cheque for a year's salary (\$1800).

MR. HAMILTON CASSELL, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee, writes: I beg to inform you that the Executive of the Foreign Mission Committee have appointed Thursday, the 20th of September, at eight p.m., at the Charles Street Church, in this city, as the time and place for the designation service of Miss McIntosh and Miss Graham, who are to sail for China on the 3rd of October next, and of Miss Harris, who is to sail for India somewhat later in the same month.

SUNDAY last in the Iergus Presbyterian Churches there was a change. The children were the chief object of the sermons. In St. Andrew's a floral service was held in the afternoon, consisting mainly of song. The church was very prettily decorated with flowers, each and every child was supposed to bring a bouquet. The evening service was conducted by Mr. Craig, Mr. Mullen being in Guelph, and Dr. Wardrope in Melville pulpit. The morning services were to the children, and in the evening religious training, especially at home, was the theme.

THE Houghton College Record has the following exceedingly flattering notice of Miss Lee, the Lady Principal of the Brantford Ladies' College: Miss Mary F. Lee has accepted the position of Lady Principal of the Brantford Ladies' College, Brantford, Ont. Miss Lee brings enthusiasm, experience and culture to aid her in the duties of this position. Her thorough conviction that the religious spirit imbibed at Houghton should pervade all institutions for ladies, is a promise and a prophecy that Christian influence will prevail, and high ideals will ever be kept before the pupils of Brantford Ladies' College.

THE Rev. Dr. Duval has resumed his pulpit labours in Knox Church, Winnipeg, after a few weeks' vacation, during which time he visited the far west, his trip extending through the Rocky Mountains and to the Pacific coast. The services in the morning were in a

line with the thoughts which such a tour would naturally suggest. The Old Testament lesson read was the eighth chapter of Deuteronomy, which almost seemed, as the Doctor read it, to have been written with some reference to the Canadian North-West. The text also was very appropriate, being Genesis xiii. 17. "Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it: for I will give it unto thee."

A BRANCH of the Christian Endeavour Society has been formed in connection with the Aylmer Presbyterian Church, Que. The following officers have been appointed: Mrs. D. Miller, President; Mrs. J. Pushman, Vice-President; Mrs. E. S. Prentiss, Sec.-Treas.; Mrs. Theodore Parker, Fannie Parker and Mary Gordon, Lookout Committee; Mrs. Prentiss, Miss Prentiss, and Messrs. J. Smith and J. Pushman, Prayer-Meeting Committee; Mrs. Pushman, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Prentiss, Miss Prentiss and Mr. Pushman, Sunday School Committee. It is most befitting that a branch should be in Aylmer, since there the Rev. Dr. Clarke, founder of the Christian Endeavour Society, first saw the light and spent his boyhood. Some of his playmates are now members of the society.

ON Sabbath morning week St. Andrew's Church, Blyth, was well filled to listen to a special sermon to the Sabbath school children by the pastor, Rev. A. McLean. The children occupied the most of the centre seats of the large edifice. After the usual exercises the preacher chose for his text Prov. xxvi. 23, on which he dwelt, beseeching his hearers with all earnestness and love to give their hearts to God, giving them examples of some of our greatest and wealthiest men who were working in the Sabbath schools, and what could be done by every one of them before him if they only wished. The little ones paid the greatest attention to him, and his words will not soon be forgotten by them. Miss Jennie Phillips, with her usual ability, presided at the organ, which greatly assisted the children in their singing, which was excellent.

THE services in Knox Church, Guelph, on Sabbath morning week, had special reference to the young people, the day being recommended by the General Assembly as Young People's Day throughout the Church. A short sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. R. J. Beattie, after which an able address on Success in Life was given by Mr. Galloway, of Uxbridge, Ont., who lost his health when about ready to enter College. He is now visiting the churches and doing what work he can undertake in a feeble state of health. His address was very highly appreciated by the large congregation present. In the evening the Rev. Dr. Junor, of New York, conducted the service. The sermon was an excellent one, the subject being The Life of Faith. Dr. Junor, says the *Guelph Mercury*, is coming to be well-known in Guelph, and the people are always pleased to see and hear him.

DR. WARDEN writes: By a printer's mistake last week "Presbyterian" represents \$15,000 as having been received towards the purchase of the Ladies' College, Ottawa. This should have been \$1,500. The purchase price was \$20,000. In addition to this amount there is required fully \$4,500 for repairs to the buildings, furniture, etc. The entire building has been carefully examined by a practical architect, and an estimate made of the sum needed for repairs. At present new baths, closets, etc., are being put in, and sanitary arrangements thoroughly overhauled preparatory to the opening of the session on Thursday, October 3. As the Board have adopted the principle of running on accounts, it is earnestly hoped that those desirous of helping in this work will forward their contributions without delay. There is still required \$23,000 to meet in full the cost of the property and necessary repairs, etc.

THE public missionary meeting of the Picton Women's Presbyterian, which took place in United Church, New Glasgow, on Thursday evening week, was largely attended, and the exercises very interesting throughout. Rev. Mr. Scott occupied the chair. After singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," by the choir, Rev. E. A. McCurdy led in prayer. The band of thirty little girls, representing "missionary spirit," sang and recited very nicely, and added no small share to the interest of the evening. The platform was tastefully decorated with flowers. Rev. Mr. Morton, missionary to Trinidad, was the first speaker. He gave an account of the work on that Island, which was very interesting. Mrs. Morton took up some points not touched upon by her husband. The importance of supporting missionaries in Trinidad was very clearly shown. Rev. A. Robertson spoke briefly on the subject. After prayer by Rev. A. Bowman, a collection in aid of the mission fund was taken up, and the meeting closed with the doxology.

FROM the *Ottawa Journal* we learn that the ministerial brethren at the Dominion Capital, mindful of apostolic practice, recently went a-fishing. Through the kindness of Mr. Dalglish, of the Flats, a party of citizens enjoyed a pleasant day on the water. All the Presbyterian clergymen in the city were invited, and with them a number of friends. Mr. Dalglish placed his yacht at their disposal. The company started about ten a.m., and in due time reached Black Rapids, where well filled baskets were unburdened. Then out came fishing rods and tackle, and the fish had a day's sport devouring bait. The most successful anglers were Mr. Fraser & Perkins, Rev. M. H. Scott and Rev. Dr. Armstrong. Rev. Dr. Moore's usual good fortune forsook him, but he declared that he had at least a day free from anxiety as to the financial burden of the Ladies' College. There was the usual number of ministerial stories, some of which were said to be excellent. Mr. Dalglish, the captain and engineer received hearty votes of thanks.

BY decree of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church says the *London Advertiser*. Sunday was observed as Children's Day throughout Canada. All the services in St. Andrew's Church partook of this character, commencing with a children's morning prayer meeting at ten a.m. Rev. Dr. Waters, of Newark, N.J., preached in the morning on the subject of "Faith," and was listened to with deep interest. A platform meeting was held in the afternoon in the church, and proved interesting and instructive. Stirring addresses were delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Murray, and the Rev. Mr. Courne, of Dundas Street Methodist Church, Dr. Waters and Mr. A. S. Macgregor, superintendent of Sunday School. In the evening a service of song was held, conducted by the pastor. The subject was "Seeking Jesus," and all the remarks made were especially adapted for the children. Children's hymns were sung during all the service. The platform was decorated with rich foliage, which had a pleasing effect. Altogether it was a grand day for the little folks and their parents and friends.

IN compliance with the request of the General Assembly to the Presbyterian Church throughout the Dominion, last Sabbath was observed as children's day in the Waterloo Presbyterian Church. The children and teachers to the number of about 130 assembled in the basement at 10.45 a.m. and after singing hymn 244 "Sweet is the solemn voice that calls the Christian to the house of prayer," they went up in a body to the church. The platform and pulpit were tastefully decorated with flowers, which seemed to be quite in harmony with the bright and cheerful faces of the children. In addition to the school, there was a large attendance of parents and friends, nearly every seat being occupied. A very practical, interesting and instructive address was given by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Mitchell, from Mark vi. 26 "Behold the fowls of the air," in which were shown several of the ways by which the birds praise God, viz. by their life, dress, singing, and teaching, drawing practical lessons therefrom, to all of which marked attention was given by both children and adults. Services of this kind, says the *Waterloo Chronicle*, cannot fail to be productive of good, bringing as they do the Sabbath School before the congregation and making them feel they are part and parcel of the Church, and bringing the congregation into sympathy with the school. To this end we think the Assembly has acted wisely in setting apart a special day for the children.

THE Rev. A. B. Baird, of Winnipeg, who was at the opening of the new Presbyterian Church, Keewatin, says that he found the population of the place doubled since last summer when he spent his vacation there, making the number of inhabitants at present about a thousand. The new Presbyterian Church, Mr. Baird says, is built on a very suitable site, and is one of the handsomest of the smaller churches within the bounds of the Synod. It has an ecclesiastical appearance, with steep roof and low walls, and it receives abundance of light through stained glass windows. It is furnished inside with seating, pulpit, etc., in pine, oiled and varnished; with two Sabbath school class rooms at the back; and has a seating capacity of about 450. The church is a frame building upon a stone foundation; it cost about \$2,800. The tastefulness of its appearance reflects great credit upon the Rev. Robert Nairn, the minister; Mr. R. A. Mather, chairman of the Building Committee, and Mr. G. W. Murray, the architect and builder. The Rev. A. B. Baird, B.A., preached in the morning and afternoon, Rev. J. K. Welsh, of Boissevain, Manitoba, preaching in the evening, where Rev. Mr. Baird took the service at Rat Portage. The other services at the latter place were given up for the day. The attendance was good although the rain that fell at intervals throughout the day interfered with the coming of people from Rat Portage and Norman. The congregation continues its work with renewed confidence and hopes of success. Rev. Mr. Nairn, the pastor, is at present in Scotland.

AT a meeting of the Longford Presbyterian congregation held in the Memorial Church, on the 29th August last, and presided over by the Rev. Dr. Gray, Mr. David Borthwick, says the *Orillia Times*, was unanimously elected an elder, and Messrs. J. McPherson, Sr., John Landing, John Calderwood, and R. Leith were chosen deacons. On Sabbath, the 8th September, after a sermon from the Rev. J. Gilchrist, of Sebright, Mr. D. Borthwick was ordained to the office of elder, and Messrs. McPherson, Landing, Leith, and Calderwood to the office of deacon, according to the forms of the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. Gray, Moderator of Session, conducted the ordination services. For the first time, in its interesting history, this congregation has been privileged with office-bearers to administer its spiritual and temporal affairs. It is gratifying to find that the appointment of three elders and four deacons has been made, not only with complete harmony, without the necessity of a vote, but also in a way that has evinced good business abilities on the part of the members. It is hoped that this new progressive step on the part of this congregation will conduce to the spiritual welfare of the people, and that soon, in conjunction with Uptergrove, a minister may be settled over the charge, and the ecclesiastical organization be thus completed.

SUNDAY week having been appointed by the General Assembly as a day of thanksgiving on behalf of Sabbath schools, special services were held in the Presbyterian Church, Midland, on that day. In the morning, says the *Orillia Times*, the pastor, Rev. Mr. James, preached from the text: Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth, Psalm xiv. 6; and during his remarks called attention to the encouraging features of the report on Sabbath Schools for the past year. He spoke favourably of the scheme for higher religious instruction, and urged upon parents the advisability of encouraging their children to take part in it. In the evening a children's service was held, which proved most interesting, the church being crowded with the little folks, their parents, and their friends. After the usual devotional exercises, instead of a sermon, short addresses were delivered on the different features of Sabbath school work, which were listened to with deep interest by all present. The pastor, who spoke first, addressed himself especially to parents, asking that they see to it that their children attend the Sabbath school regularly, and that they come prepared with the lesson. Mr. Thomas Wallace, superintendent of the school, followed with words of encouragement to the teachers and all Sabbath school workers, and spoke of the great benefit to be derived from earnestly engaging in such work. Mr. D. L. White, one of the teachers, then addressed the scholars, and in a most interesting manner held their attention while he spoke to them of obedience and duty. His remarks were interspersed with a number of stirring anecdotes, which we feel sure will long be remembered by the scholars.

THE Rev. R. McIntyre has been very warmly welcomed by the Presbyterian congregations of Delaware and Cooke's Church in that township, to which he was recently inducted. A correspondent writing to the *London Advertiser* says that on Sunday week the reverend gentleman preached to large congregations in both places of worship, taking for his text Acts x. 29. The discourses were pre-eminently practical. In this connection it is interesting to note that the Halton County congregations, from which Mr. McIntyre was called, parted with him with much regret. The Nelson correspondent of the *Milton Champion* says of the farewell gathering: We are sorry to say that our friend, Rev. R. McIntyre, has severed the tie which for the past three years has bound us together as pastor and people. On Sunday week, at eleven a.m., he preached his farewell sermon at Nelson. It is unnecessary to state that the church was filled. In the afternoon of the same day he bade farewell to his Dundas Street charge—known as the Sixteen Church. Here he also had a crowded church and a good part of the church yard full to listen to his last sermon. Both congregations have progressed under his charge, the Sixteen having made great strides both from a spiritual and financial point of view. Not an unpleasant scene in the departing drama was the invasion of the manse on Monday evening week by the Sixteen congregation, who were deeply affected at parting with their much-loved pastor and who wished to show the great respect they held for him, his partner in life and his family. The reverend gentleman and his wife were called to the front, when a very able address, couched in appropriate language and enclosed in a beautiful frame, was presented to them, accompanied by a purse of \$50. In a brief and touching reply Mr. McIntyre thanked them for their kindness. Singing and feasting followed for hours, when those assembled departed for their homes, feeling that they had enjoyed themselves, but sorry to think that they had to say good-bye to their beloved pastor. By request Rev. Mr. McIntyre filled the pulpit in the Appleby Methodist Church last evening, where about four hundred gathered to hear his farewell discourse. Although belonging to another branch of the Christian Church, he is very popular and greatly esteemed in that district, having become acquainted with them through tea meetings, etc. It is a source of regret to the Middle road people that such an able and friendly neighbour minister is leaving them. Mr. McIntyre moves this week to Delaware, near London, to his new field of labour, carrying with him Christian respect, high hopes and prayers for his success and prosperity in his new home.

THE Organ Recital Friday evening week in Knox Church, Owen Sound, was a decided success. Promptly at eight o'clock the opening chorus was announced, and the various numbers were rendered with remarkable skill and in the very best time. Mr. L. H. Alexander delighted the audience with "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," and Miss Sarah Taylor sang very sweetly "Abide With Me," while the congregation was moved "deeper and deeper still" by Handel's Jephtha, beautifully rendered by Mr. Christopher Eaton. Mr. W. V. Hill deserves the best thanks of the Committee for the considerable assistance he so cheerfully rendered, and Mr. Edward Jacklin, the organist of the church, is to be congratulated on the success of this grand organ recital. A few remarks were made by the pastor of the church, Rev. E. Wallace Waits, B.A.: in the course of which he said he believed music in Divine worship was right. God love! music. He argued this from the fact that He has breathed so much of it into everything he has made.

There's music in the sighing of a reed;
There's music in the gushing of a rill;